

## Rewarding Integrity...Kirby's Rewarded With New Roof



by Deb Price

Howard Kirby, an Ovid resident, found \$43,000 inside a couch he purchased at the Habitat For Humanity ReStore in Owosso. He then returned the money to the store so that it may find its way back to the rightful owners. Why did he do that? Because he said it wasn't his.

Daryl LaClair, owner of LaClair Home Restoration and Eikenhout, a Building Supply Company in Saginaw, who specializes in roofing, siding and windows, teamed up together to give the Kirby's a much-needed new roof. "Howard reached out to me last year for a quote on a new roof," explained LaClair. After learning of the return of the found money, Daryl reached out to Howard and offered to replace his roof, donating the labor. Eikenhout in turn, donated the materials.

The work on the roofing project began last week and is expected to be finished this week. Daryl and his team of workers include Rob Tomasek, Dave Holland and Daryl's Uncle Bill, who came out of retirement to help. Waste Management donated the dumpster for the project.

Surely, many have asked themselves what they would have done if they were in Howard's shoes. That can only be contemplated by one's self. For Howard, that answer was clear.

*Pictured here is Daryl LaClair and crew replacing the Kirby home roof.  
Photo by Deb Price*

## Laingsburg Band Receive \$16,000 in Grants and Gifts

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg – The Laingsburg Band Boosters recently received a total of \$16,000 for new large instruments from several grants and gifts.

Signature Ford Group presented boosters president Stacey Brewer with \$3,700 at its January 16 meeting. More than 180 people test drove Ford vehicles provided by Signature during the boosters' Drive 4 UR School fundraiser just before Laingsburg's homecoming game in September. The band received \$20 for each of those drivers.

Next, the Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation granted the band program \$10,000 for new marching mellophones and baritones.

"Our mellophones were beyond repair. Parts aren't even made for them anymore," explained a very grateful Thomas Cousineau, director of bands for Laingsburg Community Schools. "Our baritone cases were held together with duct tape, and so were parts of the instruments themselves. Every time we'd have to have them serviced to repair damage or fix a valve, for example, it would thin out the metal and affect the sound of the instrument. Our kids are troopers and made the best with what they had for many years. It's so nice to be able to give them new equipment. They deserve it!"

The band also received \$1,800 in donations toward a new Sousaphone (marching tuba) through its online Giving Tuesday campaign in early December. The money will be combined with the \$3,700 raised from the Drive 4 UR School fundraiser to purchase the instrument.

"Again, we have large instruments that cost thousands of dollars and are decades old in some cases," said Cousineau. "We put a lot of band aids on them and handle them with TLC to make them last. But there comes a time when we can't play them anymore."

TechSmith Corporation made a \$500 donation – also at the January booster meeting – on behalf of Ashlie Helmer, a band booster member who applied for and received the dollars from TechSmith's Volunteerism and Employee Involvement Fund. TechSmith cited Helmer's "commitment to, and volunteerism with, the Laingsburg Band Boosters" as its reason for granting the money.

Laingsburg's band program has grown exponentially over the past 10 years. Its high school band is made up of one-third of the school population. Jazz bands are now in both the high and middle schools.

"We're so grateful for all the support we get from the boosters, administration, parents and our amazing community," added Cousineau, who has led the Wolfpack bands for just over 10 years.

For more information about the Laingsburg Wolfpack Bands, visit [laingsburgbands.com](http://laingsburgbands.com).



*Laingsburg Band Boosters Treasurer Tina Dafoe accepts a check from fellow band booster Ashlie Helmer, whose employer, TechSmith, recently donated \$500 to the Laingsburg band program in honor of Helmer's volunteer efforts with the organization.*



*Signature Auto Group's Angela Falzon presents Laingsburg Band Boosters President Stacey Brewer with \$3,700 at the group's January board meeting. The money was raised during a Drive 4 UR School fundraiser in September. It will be used toward the purchase of a new Sousaphone.*

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*Laingsburg Freshman Rachel Lalonde holds a new mellophone purchased for the Wolfpack Marching Band from a \$10,000 grant made by the Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation. Three other mellophones and several marching baritones will also be procured with the money. Some of the students have been using instruments held together in part with duct tape and other band-aid fixes that were no longer viable.*





## Ovid Public Library Movies

*submitted by Sharry Huyck*

During the month of February, the Ovid Public Library will be showing movies on Mondays. All movies begin at Noon.

Monday February 3: The first half of Dr. Zhivago (1965)

Monday February 10: The second half of Dr. Zhivago

Monday February 17: Full House (1952) Five short stories written by O'Henry

Monday February 24: Laura (1944) one of the 10 best mysteries.

Also during the month of February, the Ovid Public Library will be showing movies on Fridays. All movies begin at Noon.

Friday February 7: The Making of Gone with the Wind (1988 Documentary) 124 minutes

Friday February 14: The very first two episodes of Downton Abbey. We will be watching them all in order, so you won't want to miss the first two.

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## Free Lunch and Learn February 11 Topic "Cancer Prevention"

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare's next FREE Lunch and Learn presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 11 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. This event's topic will be about "Cancer Prevention" and will be presented by Mindi Odom, from the American Cancer Society.

This presentation will be held at the Medical Arts Building, 721 Shiawassee Street, Owosso and lunch will be provided. Individuals must RSVP to Michelle at (989) 729-4786, ext. 6786.

For additional information on Memorial Healthcare services and events visit: [MemorialHealthcare.org](http://MemorialHealthcare.org)



## DeWitt Millennium Garden Club

*submitted by Susan Chiodi*

The DeWitt Millennium Garden Club will begin taking orders for their annual fundraiser geranium sale beginning February 13th. Not only do they sell their beautiful geraniums but also other unique plants. The Club will be offering a variety of options and many lovely colors. All plants are top quality. Specific colors and pricing are posted on the DMGC Facebook page.

Sale ends March 12th

Pick up dates are May 5th and May 6th

To place an order please contact Pat at 517-669-5654 or any garden club member.

DeWitt Millennium Garden Club meets the second Thursday of the month at Redeemer United Methodist Church 13980 Schavey Rd. 6:30 pm. Please come visit! (Meetings are canceled if DeWitt schools are cancelled)

## Second Saturday Supper

*submitted by Orilla McHarris*

Come to Second Saturday Supper at Mayflower Church! February 8, 5 - 6 p.m. Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, green beans, salad, and dessert. \$10 (children \$5). Takeout is available. Handicapper accessible; ample parking. Everyone welcome!

The Mayflower Congregational Church is located at 2901 W. Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing. 517-484-3139  
[info@mayflowerchurch.com](mailto:info@mayflowerchurch.com)

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program New Guidelines

*submitted by Rebecca Zemla*

Michigan's income guidelines (new guideline were effective April 8, 2019) for TEFAP households is based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines as listed below:

Household size 1 - \$24,980; 2 - \$33,820; 3 - \$42,660; for each additional family member add: \$8,840.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin February 4, 2020 at Capital Area Community Services, Inc., 1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso. 9am to 12 Noon and 1 to 4pm.

Open walk-in registration will be Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Questions may be directed to 989-723-3115.

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (60 and Over)

*submitted by Becky Zemla*

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. announces distribution date for Shiawassee County CSFP, Senior Food Program begins on February 4, 2020 at 1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso.

Times are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information call 989-723-3115.

## Mint Country Garden Club

The monthly meeting of Mint Country Garden Club will be held Thursday, February 6, at 7:15 pm. The speaker will be Carol Hrymecki. Program will be "Carol's Surprise". Meetings are held at Clinton Commons Community Center, 1105 S. Scott Rd, St. Johns. Visitors are welcome to attend.

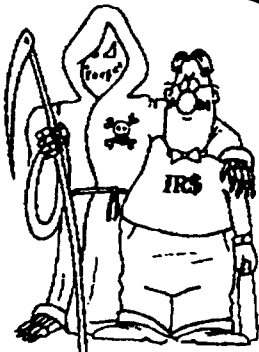
For further information about meetings or how to become a member, email [mintcountrygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:mintcountrygardenclub@gmail.com) or call 989-224-9206

## The Friends of the Maple River Meeting

*submitted by Jon Morrison*

The Friends of the Maple River (FOMR) will hold their September Bi-Monthly meeting in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Clinton County Courthouse at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020. There is no speaker scheduled as this will be a working meeting to make arrangements for the spring river cleanup, having a booth at the Quiet Water Symposium, and considering replacement of the now vacant president position for the organization.

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## Rep. Frederick Welcomes Perry Township Supervisor to State of the State Address

*submitted by Shane Carnagie*

Rep. Ben Frederick invited Mark Fulks, supervisor of Perry Township, to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's annual State of the State address.

## Absentee Ballots Available for March Presidential Primary Election

*submitted by Mike Doyle*

LANSING - Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced today that absent voter ballots are available with clerks across the state so voters can now request an absentee ballot for the presidential primary election.

Due to the constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2018, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. They can visit their local clerk's office for an absent voter ballot application or download one at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

There is no political party registration requirement and any Michigan registered voter can participate in the presidential primary on March 10. At the polling place and on the absentee ballot application, voters will be asked to select a presidential primary ballot for either the Democratic or Republican parties that also may contain local election items. Voters who do not wish to participate in the presidential primary may request a ballot that contains only local items.

Although some of the candidates have suspended their campaigns nationally, state law required the candidate listing to be finalized in December 2019. To have their name removed from the ballot, candidates had to submit a formal request in writing to withdraw their name to the Bureau of Elections by December 13, 2019.

All voters can visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote) to view the candidates and questions that will be on their ballot.

## Conservation District Annual Meeting February 20

*submitted by Donna Kanan*

The Shiawassee Conservation District will hold its 70th Annual Meeting on February 20, 2020 at D'Mar Banquet & Conference Center, Owosso. Doors open at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM.

The Conservation District will celebrate the work done over the last year in partnership with county residents, landowners and organizations to protect our natural resources. "The Board and staff work hard every day to assist Shiawassee County residents to conserve our county's precious resources," stated Executive Director Melissa Higbee. "We wouldn't be able to do that without the support of our county residents and locally elected officials."

The prestigious 2019 Conservation Farmer of the Year award will be presented to James Ziola of Rush Township. "Jim is a good steward of the land by practicing beneficial conservation methods on his farming operation," stated District Board Chairman Joshua Crambell. "He is committed to protecting our environment and is very deserving of this honor."

The Conservation District will honor the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Garry Lee with the 2019 Partner of the Year award. Ric Crawford will be presented with the 2019 Friend of Conservation award. In addition, Clark Crambell, Thomas C. Braid, Garrett Moore, and George Zmitko I will be recognized for achieving MAEAP verification.

The event will feature a presentation by Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) President Gerald "Jerry" Miller. MACD is the nonprofit organization that represents Michigan's conservation districts. As Michigan's voice for conservation districts, MACD supports voluntary incentive-driven natural resource conservation programs that benefit all citizens of Michigan.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Shiawassee Conservation District at (989) 723-8263 ext 3 by February 20, 2020.



## OVID TOWNSHIP

The Ovid Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2020-21 at the Township Administrative Offices, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI, on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 6 p.m. **\*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.



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## Rep. Filler Welcomes Community President of Chemical Bank to Capitol

*submitted by Shane Carnagie*

State Rep. Graham Filler (left) of DeWitt recently welcomed Craig Bishop, community president of Chemical Bank in Owosso, to the House floor.

## Moolenaar Announces Staff Office Hours for February

*submitted by David Russell*

Congressman John Moolenaar announced office hours to be held by constituent relations representatives at locations throughout the Fourth District. The purpose of the office hours is to help residents in need of assistance with a federal agency including the IRS and the VA.

Office hours are held monthly by constituent relations representatives when Congressman Moolenaar is in Washington voting on legislation.

Here is a list of dates, times and locations of the office hours for the month:

February 6, 10:00-11:00 AM, Surbeck Admin Building Council Chambers, 201 North Shiawassee, Corunna.

12:00-1:00 PM, Thompson Home Library, The Michigan Room, 125 West Center Street, Ithaca.

1:30-2:30 PM, Clinton County Courthouse, Garden Level Conference Room "A", 100 East State Street, Saint Johns.

## Ovid-Elsie Schools Offer Voluntary Severance Packages

*submitted by Dawn Levey*

ELSIE - The Monthly meeting of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, January 27, 2020. The high light of the evening was recognition Board Appreciation Month and the voluntary severance packages offered to the teaching staff and para professionals.

The meeting opened with the elections of officers: Board President - Mr. John Miller, Vice President - Stacie Rulison, Secretary - Brook Wooley, and Treasurer - Erin Bancroft.

The 2020-2021 meeting schedule was approved with the majority of the meetings slated for the third Monday of each month. Due to the mid-winter break the February meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, at Leonard Elementary School.

The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools recognized the Board of Education for their service, and as part of the Board Appreciation Month a dinner was provided prior to the meeting by the Ovid-Elsie Education Association.

Brief building updates were given by the principles of each building. The elementary buildings are in the mist of benchmark testing. E.E. Knight Elementary School held a very successful GEdBee. Leonard Elementary is preparing for parent/teacher conferences in February. It was noted that prior to the February 19, board meeting a reception will be held to honor the Star Students.

Ovid-Elsie High School recently hosted suicide prevention assembly which focused on awareness for students, staff, and parents. There are numerous events being planned to support Justin Cole's fight against cancer.

Craig Coleman, maintenance and transportation supervisor, the district is preparing for two bus purchases, due to cost increases recommendations are being considered for the purchase of gas engines instead of diesel. It was noted that other districts are making the same move. No decision this month.

Next, Coleman discussed the clear cutting of 3 acres for parking near the football practice field and soccer fields. The district will sell white oak trees for \$22,000 for the lumber; excavation, cleanup, fencing, etc. taken out of total price, remaining financial commitment will be approximately \$70,956. The funding source will be determined. A final decision will be made at the February meeting.

SunFunded Resolution was presented for approval, solar is coming to Ovid-Elsie. Officials took formal action to approve the resolution. It was noted that the process and contracts were very well researched.

The members of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education approved Voluntary Severance Packages for teachers and support staff minimum participation of three. This package is in lieu of the RNI in the contract agreement, it is based on a tier system. Additional details were not disclosed awaiting approval by the involved associations.

Finally, officials took action to accept the following resignations with regrets: Laura Weber, art teacher; Chris Robinson para professional; and Alanah Rau, high school special education teacher.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included approval of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the closed session minutes; approval of financial reports and payment of expenditures; designation of depositories and signatures, and credit/debit card authorization for the 2020 calendar year; designation of the Superintendent's administrative assistant to post public notices; and the approval of Thrun Law Firm as the Ovid-Elsie Area School's firm for the 2020 calendar year.

## Meeting Dates and Times

**City of Laingsburg** - Meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Monday, February 3rd at 7pm at 114 Woodhull St. Laingsburg.

**Woodhull Township** - Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm at 7315 W. Beard Rd., Shaftsbury.

**Fairfield Township** - Meets the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 6th at 7pm at the Township Hall.

**Laingsburg American Legions Post 248 Service Officer** - The next meeting is February 5th at 1240 E. Grand River, Laingsburg.

**City of Ovid** - Meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held February 10th at 7pm at City Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid.

**Sciota Township** - Meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held February 10th at 7pm at the township hall located at 3990 Leland Rd., Laingsburg.

**Victor Township** - Now Meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held February 10th at 7pm at 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg.

**Village of Elsie** - Meets the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 11th at 7pm at 145 W. Main St., Elsie.

**Go Positive** - Meets February 11th at 6:45 a.m. at Agro Liquid in St. Johns. 3055 W. M-21.

**Duplain Township** - Meets the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 12th at 7pm, at 145 W. Main St., Elsie.

**Laingsburg Lions Club** - Next meeting will be February 12th from 6 to 7pm, at Twilligers Tavern, Downtown Laingsburg.

**Middlebury Township** - Meets the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 12th at 7pm at 7627 W. M-21, Ovid.

**Village of Ashley** - Meets the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 13th at 7pm at 110 N. Sterling, Ashley.

**Ovid Township** - Meets the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held February 13th at 7pm. at 1015 Baese Court, Ovid.

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### YES, You Should Be Compensated

Dear Andy,

A long time "friend" asked me to take 12 days off my job and fly to Florida to house sit and care for her husband while she had to take a trip out of the country. She requested I bring a friend so it wouldn't be too much work for me. I am 75 years old suffering from a recent accident and needed to use a wheelchair at the airport and a cane during the entire 2 weeks. I still work as a licensed home care aid because I need to work to pay my bills. My friend knows I do not have money and said it would be like a vacation – go to the pool every day, enjoy the sights and go out to dinner every night with her husband and get paid for it. Make sure he takes his meds and a bath every other day. She said to keep track of what everything costs and left within an hour after my friend and I arrived, as she pointed to the DNR posted on the wall.

The trip for me was planned with only one week's notice and my friend with a one-day notice. We were able to make the arrangements to find coverage for our jobs and buy airline tickets at a very reasonable price. We bought groceries for the 3 of us, made breakfast and lunch every day. We took the estranged husband, who recently had a stroke and could not drive and had limited abilities to care for himself, out to dinner every night.

The experience was the most challenging set of situations which included Ellis (not his real name) wondering away 3 time, bursts of anger all day long, and unreasonable demands of needs and wants. We took him everywhere he wanted to go. He ordered several alcoholic drinks and paid cash for them at three of our dinners. Never once did he pay for our dinners and when we asked, he said "I never have cash. My wife won't give me cash." He refused to use a credit card his wife left for him. We paid for all the meals, gas, entrance into events and the movies and drove to over 10 stores looking for eggnog. Ellis assured us that his wife would reimburse us since it was all his money anyway and that she was an expert accountant and had been managing his money for the 12 years they had been married.

Our expenses included taxi services, air, luggage fees, tips, time off work, eating at a nice restaurant every night at the tune of \$1,000 for each of us. We itemized every expense and she said she was too tired the morning we left to discuss our expenses. We cleaned her house and bathrooms every day, played cards with her husband, cooked and swept floors and took good care of her mean, foul mouthed, drinking husband. The best thing that happened was when he got stuck in his walk-in tub for 3 hours. It forced him to be humble and appreciate our efforts with the promise not to call emergency services. He finally broke the door.

Here is the problem, the cash he had for his alcohol was taken from my friend purse, he said he figured we both had plenty of money. His wife, "my friend" said she does not think she should reimburse us after she went on a \$10,000 trip to Dubai to buy cashmere and look for perspective husbands. She

said it was privilege to stay in her beautiful home and drive a new Cadillac. She couldn't believe how many miles we put on her "husband's" car.

On the bright side we did get to the pool 4 times for about an hour and to the beach for lunch 2 times and on a day off when his son was to visit, we had a shopping day (with our own money, of course). The crazy wife keeps texting me; asking obvious questions such as, where is the plastic recycling? Where is a silver pill cup? Where is her spoon rest? Why did you leave a list of the expenses? Did he look at the mail? Did he drink any alcohol? Did he yell at you? Question after question. I have ignored her calls.

I feel bad for my friend who helped me. I could not have done it without her. She kept me sane and helped me made decisions and she did all the driving because I could not take the yelling from the angry old man. And, she helped me with my wheelchair and even took me to the doctor twice to see if we could find help for my back. Stressed and Perplexed

Dear S & P,

Sounds like to me your Florida "friend" is not a friend at all! She sounds like a user with an immature selfish sense of entitlement. Perhaps she has had a tough life or grew up very poor and does not know how to recognize or appreciate others' generosity. I am happy to let you vent in this column. I will address some of the other concerns you stressed in your letter to me in a personal email. Sorry, but I had to cut out some of your text; it was rather long, but intriguing. And, yes, they should reimburse you.

Sadly, many people get used or duped every day from a so-call "friend." Sounds like your real "friend" is the one who went with you; but the other one, let her move on to another rich guy. However, I would answer her question as to the reason you left her a list of expenses. Simply tell her you must be compensated because it is "the right thing to do." It may not work but at least you did the "right thing." I am concluding this piece of advice with you and readers who often feel as if they were used... I don't recall where I read this but, here it is:

...If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. When you work to the best of your abilities, no matter how much you get paid. Your reward is doing your best. Be the best you can be. And, if it is not enough for some, give your best anyway.

Some Advice and thoughts from Andy at ask\_andy@aol.com...easy as that!

*There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer.*  
--Gertrude Jekyll

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## MYLSF Scholarship Award Applications

*submitted by Jeff Haarer*

Lansing- Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has awarded more than \$585,725 in scholarships and educational awards to outstanding youth who have exhibited at the premier livestock events in the state of Michigan.

In 2020, a select number of applicants may be offered an opportunity to be interviewed, at the discretion of the MYLSF, prior to the Sale-Abraction event for larger scholarship awards up to \$5,000.

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Specific proceeds from the Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abraction auction as well as charitable donations help fund the scholarships. The fund is governed by a 10-member board comprised of volunteers from Michigan's agricultural community. Also, in 2019 approximately \$15,000 was deposited into the Michigan Education Saving Plans for youth exhibitors who compete in judging and showmanship events at the Michigan Livestock Expo on the Michigan State University campus.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at [www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf). Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 15, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Producer Security Section Manager, at 517-284-5642 or [HaarerJ@Michigan.gov](mailto:HaarerJ@Michigan.gov); or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's Livestock & Dairy Specialist, at 517-679-5335 or [ebirchm@michfb.com](mailto:ebirchm@michfb.com).

## Obituaries

### John Alvin Kirby

John Alvin Kirby was born on September 29, 1942 and entered the pearly gates of heaven January 23, 2020. He was born in Blanchard, Michigan, to Arbutus (Serrels) and Merlin Kirby. John came from very poor beginnings. He was born in a chicken coop and bullied throughout school, yet graduated homecoming king. He hitchhiked his way through college earning his degree in auto body repair and business management. He was medically discharged from the Marines and married Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Minarik September 11, 1965.

In 1971 he opened Kirby Auto Body and began serving the community with great compassion. John was poisoned in 1979, and advised he would never walk again. Through a miraculous healing, he began his personal walk with Jesus Christ, and he was not shy about letting the love of Jesus shine through to everyone he met. Challenges and trials were no stranger to John, but he always stood up for what was right, and followed it through to the end.



John was an incredibly talented archer, hunter, auto body technician, mentor, and master of mending pretty much anything that was broken... including hearts. John had incredible intuition and patience, but his most noted talent was his ability to love unconditionally, help others, and always pick people up when they were feeling down.

To those who knew him, John was the most compassionate, loving, caring, and helping father, grandpa, and friend a person could be blessed to know. He loved the Lord, he loved his family, and he had tremendous respect for the values America was founded on, and the soldiers who protect our freedoms.

On July 18, 2016 Betty entered heaven and John has missed her dearly since that day. While our hearts are saddened with the loss, today we know that he is in heaven. There is no more pain, suffering, or hurt. He is basking in the glory of his savior, and that is where we find our strength and comfort.

John is survived by his children: Kathy, Dianna Naczi (Joe), John and Emily, David (Niki), his grandchildren: Jamison and Alexis Hoeve, Jonathan, Breckin, Rian, Kalyssa, Kassidy, and Nicholas Howell, siblings: Cora Goldman, Sharron Wagner (Terry), Howard, Bob (Linda); extended family: Vincent and Margo Minarik, Judy Minarik, Andy and Marge Minarik, Joe and Viola Minarik, Barb Minarik, many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 with Rev. Fr. Rick Bokinskie. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials can be made to Thorny Acres Sportsmans Club or Ovid-Elsie Sports Boosters. Online condolences can be made to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

### Robert Lee “Bobby” Seelhoff

Robert Lee “Bobby” Seelhoff, age 48, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family.

Robert was born in Carson City, Michigan on March 27, 1971, the son of Norman Scott and Sharon Kay (Salisbury) Seelhoff. On March 3, 1990, Bobby married Shawn Lynnette Fisher at Faith Baptist Church, Elsie, MI.

Bobby enjoyed woodworking, and fishing. He liked road trips on his motorcycle or in his jeep. Bobby enjoyed listening to old country music, watching westerns and dancing. He loved camping and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bobby is survived by his wife Shawn Seelhoff of St. Johns; 3 children: Heath Seelhoff of St. Johns, MI; Heather (Thomas Peiffer) Seelhoff of Bannister, MI; and Holly (Tyler Little) Seelhoff of Corunna, MI; 5 grandchildren: Maxwell Perkins Jr., Kainen Seelhoff, Mary Jane Seelhoff, Colton Perkins, and Scottlyn Peiffer; and his parents: Scott (Debbie) Seelhoff and Sharon (Dearrell Cobb) Salisbury. He is also survived by 3 siblings: Kim (Paul) English, Ben (Jen) Cobb, and Nathan (Mindy) Seelhoff; sisters-in-law: Sonja (Jeremy) Potter and Terri Fisher and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bobby was preceded in death by his brother Scotty Seelhoff, grandparents, father-in-law Thomas Fisher, and mother-in-law Jean Fisher Wadley.

Funeral Services was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Friday, January 31, 2020, with Bobby's father, Pastor Scott Seelhoff, officiating. Burial has taken place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes for Bobby's Funeral Expenses. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



*In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other. --Linda Ellerbee*

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## A Pastor's Perspective

by LARRY SMITH

"The Importance of Worldview" (# 4)

Our goal in this series is to discover a life with meaning, purpose, peace and joy; a truly successful life. We found that many are confused and frustrated in life because they are seeking to fulfill a false picture of what life is supposed to be. These pictures are called our "worldview". Our worldview is the sum total of our beliefs about the world, the "big picture" or the "bottom line" of what constitutes reality. "A worldview is a framework of ideas and beliefs through which an individual interprets the world and interacts in it. In brief a worldview has been described as not what someone sees, but what one sees with." (Making Sense of Your World by Phillips and Brown)

The study of worldview is extremely practical as our choices in life are dictated by what we believe is real and true and this gives us our moral values, our sense of what is right and wrong. Consider the following men. Adolph Hitler is responsible for the killing of some 6 million Jews during World War II. It is believed that Joseph Stalin, the communist leader of Russia is responsible for the killing of 37 million of his own people, most through starvation. He is quoted as saying; "One death is a tragedy, but a million is merely a statistic." Pol Pot, the communist leader of Cambodia is believed to have killed some 2 million. How can you explain men who are so callous as to have been instrumental in the murder of so many millions of people? Insanity? The simple answer is in the fact that they believed something that wasn't true and therefore lived in a manner that wasn't right.

There are many different opinions as to which is the accurate worldview. I believe that here in the United States there are three that are culturally relevant. The first of these is "Naturalism". Those who ascribe to this view of reality would insist that the material universe is all that exists. That everything is explained on the basis of natural law and that man is a chance product of the process of evolution. Therefore, there are no objective values or morals. Morals are individual and social preferences and are subject to change over time. The second is "Postmodernism". Their picture of reality claims that there is no such thing as absolute truth. Your view of truth is based upon the way you were raised and is a product of your social setting. Tolerance, rejection of objective truth, and therefore the refusal to claim that we can know anything with certainty are their only universal values. The third is "Theism". Those who ascribe to this view of reality would claim that there is a personal, knowable, infinite God and that this God created the heavens and the earth. Truth can be known through the revelation of God and through the study of the material world. They would say that since there is a creator God moral values are the objective expression of this absolute moral being and do not change.

With many different worldviews and each claiming to be accurate how do we know which reflects reality. Is there one that will give us an accurate perspective of the truth? There is, and if we are to experience that successful life a major task for each of us is to discover it.

There are several things that should be considered in determining the correct picture of reality. First, it should be rational, not asking us to believe contradictory things. Second, there should be evidence consistent with facts, truth, science. Third, it must be able to explain why things are the way they are. Lastly it should give us a basis for living successfully; does it work? If you will bear with me in the weeks ahead, I would like for us to consider logical evidence that would direct us to the "correct picture" of life.



## Supervisor's Viewpoint

by Greg Palen, Ovid Township

### Plan on Voting March 10th

Clinton County's Board of Commissioners are requesting you consider voting in favor of a short-term

millage to fund a complete revamp of the County-wide "911" emergency dispatch system. This will be on the ballot for the March 10th local election (which is also a Presidential Primary).

The current 911 equipment is literally on its last legs. Parts are no longer obtainable when various electronics fail. Meanwhile, the State of Michigan has developed new radio capabilities that link adjoining counties together so that major disasters can get more timely response. Our current 911 programming is not compatible with aspects of this networking. Without any doubt, as local fire and ambulance personnel will agree, it is time to update everything.

The latest estimates on the cost to Clinton County to do a complete upgrade are from 8 to 10 million dollars. After some serious consideration of alternatives, the Commissioners are asking you to vote on a levy of 0.85 mills (under 1 mill) for ten years. Within this proposal, the rates you currently pay for 911 on your land line, cellular phones and wi-fi tablets will actually go down, recovering for you part of the millage cost over future years of phone services. Nothing but 911 operational capability is involved in this request, it is "clean" of any riders.

From an assessing standpoint, on the average taxable value of a Clinton County home, the net cost of this proposal (after the savings on your phone bills) averages out at \$27 per year, spread over ten years, after which the millage will go away. In the meantime, you will have a brand new 911 system that will be dependable and more cost-effective to operate.

You will have an opportunity to vote on this project March 10th. This is the same day as Michigan's Presidential Primary. Whether or not you choose to participate in the Primary, please remember that the 911 millage proposal will also be voted that day. As a board member of OMESA (our local fire and "medical first response" service) and CAASA (our local-regional ambulance system) I have listened to the details and reviewed the numbers and believe that our Commissioners have done their best possible to bring "911" to the same level of effectiveness we all expect.

As always, stop and see me or call with any questions you may have on this issue. You will also find our area Commissioner, Kam Washburn of Elsie, quite willing to explain all the details.

Greg Palen  
Supervisor  
Ovid Township

*While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch. --Patience Strong*



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Another good day has begun.....I'm still capable of learning. I was having problems with my Bunn coffee maker and it is only a couple of years old. I finally decided that I would need to take it apart to fix the problem. So I did and miraculously it now works well. The white trigger had to be snapped back into place.....how it came discombobulated is beyond my scope of comprehension. However, as I put everything back in place I realized how much construction dust had helped to gum up the works. I emptied the well and refilled it with white vinegar, put a clean filter into the basket and turned it on. The filter came out with a rusty chalk film.....so I refilled the machine with water, added a new filter and turned it back on. This time I had an orange-ish residue in the filter. Then I decided that I should run another pot of white vinegar through and the filter had a minimal show of color. Of course I ran two more pots of water through and finally had a white filter. I could finally make my morning brew....it has been a very satisfying start to the day. Now I need to purchase some more Bunn filters. My daughter did stress that I should only use Bunn filters.....so I will.

I've also managed to get the dishwasher loaded and it ran its cycle while I went up to the office to finish the bulletins, stuff them and get them delivered. So far I'm having a very productive day.....wahoo. Time to address the laundry situation again; it is never ending!!!

William just came downstairs and finished off the soup that was left after Soup and Sandwiches Supper at the church on Tuesday. When we furnish, we make a big pot to share. The dinner was successful and we had twenty-five folks to share it. There were three soups, a beef vegetable, chicken noodle, and a chili plus divine toasted ham and cheese sandwiches followed by a fresh fruit salad, an apple cherry cake, a cheese cake topped with cherries and old fashioned tapioca pudding. I believe that all appetites were well sated and loaves of homemade bread were sent home to be enjoyed. It was a good day.

I just checked my email to see when I could expect a delivery.....I placed an order on Saturday and was told the item would be shipped out on Monday on UPS from Utah. I just checked the tracking number and was told that it may be here by Monday February 3rd .....providing that the Super Bowl in Florida doesn't mess up the process. Why that would cause problems is beyond me.....the major UPS Hubs in the United States are located in Louisville, Philadelphia, and Rockford not in Florida. So I wait....after all Florida is not between my home and the major hubs so why should it be a problem?

I've been thinking again.....I know what a scary thought! I really do miss the Farmer's Markets.....especially the small one in Elsie. I sold a lot of yeast breads, specialty breads, pies and cakes there. I'm wondering if I had a spot uptown to sell from if it would be worth the effort. Just a spot where I could chit chat with others as I sell baked goods.....I really do miss the conversations and the enlightenment that came with them. Let me know what you think....you can contact me at Kriscroft1949@gmail.com (or call 989-862-4617).

Did I mention that I have been doing a happy dance this week? Everything is coming into place and I no longer need to share my truck. My freedom to roam when I choose is now back and I'm really relishing the freedom. I'm back to working around my schedule and it is heavenly. I believe that I just learned how it is to be on the other end of this stick. I know how exasperated I was and believe that they were as much chagrined. So count your blessings and try to get the other view.....it does promote understanding and good will. God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2020



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# Senior Spotlight



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For year round medication drop off locations please check [www.capitalcountiescommit.org](http://www.capitalcountiescommit.org)

Controlled substances should be put in the drop boxes at the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Bath Township Police Department and DeWitt Township Office. Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

## Home-Generated Sharps Disposal Program

For those in need of free containers for disposal of sharps you may pick up a container at DeWitt Pharmacy, Sparrow Clinton Pharmacy, Harvest Pharmacy in Ovid.

Drop off full containers at Granger Facility on Wood Rd., in Lansing.



### Did You Know?

Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is often mistaken as something that only affects aging men and women. While the Alzheimer's Association® notes that age is the biggest risk factor for Alzheimer's, the group also warns that even men and women nowhere close to retirement age can develop the disease. In fact, the Alzheimer's Association reports that, in the United States alone, roughly 200,000 people under the age of 65 have early-onset Alzheimer's disease. According to the Alzheimer's Association, many people with early-onset are in their 40s and 50s. Recognizing that Alzheimer's is not just for retirees but capable of affecting younger men and women with families and careers is important, as the Alzheimer's Association points out that healthcare providers typically do not look for signs or symptoms of Alzheimer's in young people. In such people, symptoms of Alzheimer's may be incorrectly attributed to stress.

## Clinton County Senior Center

*submitted by Brenda Terpening*

If you are 55 years or old, come and check out the Clinton County Senior Center. There is always something to do like playing games, putting together puzzles, using the exercise equipment, enjoying lunch meals, playing bingo, dice or Euchre, socializing and much more. The Senior Center is located at 201 E Walker St. in St. Johns and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The center is open to any senior citizen aged 55 or older.

Here are some of the daily activities going on in February:

Senior meals - Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday a nutritional meal is served at Noon for senior citizens. The meals are available for a suggested \$3.50 donation. Some of the meals in February include Chicken Fajitas, Stuffed Green Peppers, Baked Catfish and Roast Beef. For a complete schedule, call the center, 989-224-4257 or stop in and pick one up.

Bingo - Bingo will be held every Tuesday and Friday, 12:30 pm. The cost is \$1.50 and every player will win 4-5 items. Prizes include things like canned goods, personal care items, cereal, peanut butter, snacks, cookies and chocolate.

Euchre tournaments – On Feb 10 & Feb 24 a Euchre tournament will be held 1-3 p.m. If you eat lunch at the center before cards the tournament is only \$1. If you come just for the tournament it is \$2. On Feb 3 and Feb 17 the tournament will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. and everyone pays \$2. The tournament is pretty fast paced so you need to know basics of the game, but you don't have to be a great player to come and have fun.

Trivia Contest - On Monday, Feb 3 and Feb 17 there will be a no cost Trivia Contest from 1-3 p.m. There are a lot of clues given, so don't worry about being the smartest person in the room. Small prizes are awarded throughout the contest.

Birthday Party - Each month the center celebrates the birthdays of any member that is celebrating a birthday in that month. Members get free lunch, cake and ice cream and a special sweet treat. The party for February Member birthdays is planned for Wednesday, February 12.

General Public Lunches - Every Monday lunch is open to the general public - no matter what age. The fundraiser meal is made by volunteer cooks each week in their licensed kitchen. The cost is only \$5 for the full meal. Meals in February include Feb 3-Soup & Sandwich, Feb 10-Goulash, Feb 17-Pork Chops and Feb 24-Beef & Noodles. Homemade pie is also available for only \$1.50 a slice. Monday meals are served between 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Take outs are available.

If you don't think you are old enough for the center, but want to support them in some way, consider donating items they can use for the center such as fabric, quilt batting, pillow stuffing, puzzles, stuffed animals or items for their gift shop (glassware, decorations, etc). The two gift shops at the Senior Center are open all hours the center is open.

Once you start coming to the center you will be invited to attend a monthly FUN Party. At this event there are games, a great lunch and then an afternoon Euchre tournament. The cost is never more than \$3 to attend for that day.

If you have any questions about the Senior Center stop in or give them a call at 989-224-4257.

## Did You Know?

Do you relish the idea of an afternoon nap? If so, you're in good company. According to the National Sleep Foundation, John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, Napoleon, and Albert Einstein each fancied afternoon naps. Youngsters nap, and so do many seniors. But by and large, humans are part of the minority of mammals that do not sleep for short periods of time throughout the day, instead dividing their days between sleep and wakefulness. However, there are some benefits to catching a midday snooze. The Mayo Clinic says napping can be a way to catch up on sleep lost during the night or if a person is feeling sleep-deprived. It also may be a way to relax, increase alertness and improve mood. Naps should take place before 3 p.m. and not exceed 20 minutes. The longer and later one naps, the greater the potential it will interfere with nighttime sleeping or backfire and cause daytime grogginess.





# Senior Spotlight

## Results of Three Michigan 2019 Novel Coronavirus Specimens Come Back Negative

submitted by Lynn Sutfin

LANSING — Test results on three possible cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus came back negative, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Macomb and Washtenaw County Health Departments announced today. A specimen from a fourth possible case, from Washtenaw County, was sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today for testing.

The CDC, MDHHS, local public health departments and the state's healthcare community are actively monitoring the outbreak originating in Wuhan, China. These efforts include special attention to people who present with symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough or difficulty breathing), fever, and report a travel history that includes Wuhan or contact with an ill individual who is under investigation for coronavirus infection. These individuals are being considered for specimen collection and submission to the CDC for testing.

"We are pleased to announce that the results were negative from Michigan's first three patients under investigation," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "We encourage healthcare providers to remain vigilant in screening patients for symptoms and travel history, and to contact their local health departments immediately if they see a potential case."

At this time, the only approved testing for 2019 Novel Coronavirus is available at the CDC. The MDHHS State Laboratory is facilitating the transport to CDC of any Michigan specimens that have been approved by MDHHS and CDC for testing. The CDC is working with the Federal Drug Administration and state public health laboratories to make testing more broadly available.

Given the number of specimens being tested nationally, no specific turnaround time is available, but results are expected within several days.

Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses common among animals and humans. In rare cases, the virus can be transmitted from animals to humans. This novel coronavirus is a newly discovered version that has not been previously detected in animals or humans. The source is not yet known.

2019 Novel Coronavirus has been identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan. Investigations are ongoing to learn more, but person-to-person spread of the virus has occurred according to CDC.

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

CDC believes at this time that symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. If anyone believes that they have symptoms and have recently traveled to Wuhan, China, or have been in contact with someone who has had the virus, they should call their healthcare provider or hospital prior to arriving so that the appropriate preventive measures can be put in place.

Public health screenings for travelers from Wuhan have been implemented at five U.S. airports including Atlanta (ATL), Chicago (ORD), San Francisco (SFO), New York (JFK) and Los Angeles (LAX).

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.



## An Event for Your Sweet Tooth

submitted by Brenda Terpening

On Thursday, February 13 the Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns will be hosting their 11th Annual Chocolate Fantasy. From 6-8 p.m. you can come and sample more than 25 chocolate creations.

They will have everything from chocolate covered cherries & caramels to chocolate mint cookies, peanut butter/chocolate cookies, white chocolate raspberry cookies, chocolate coffee and much more. The creations come from many individuals and businesses. The event costs \$10 per person and tickets are available from Senior Center Board members, at the Senior Center and at the Chamber of Commerce office (1013 S US 27). Tickets will also be available at the door. Take outs will be available.

Proceeds from the event will help pay for the heating bills during the cold winter months. The major sponsors for the annual event so far include Simplified Accounting & Tax Service, PC, McLaren Health Plan, Laurels of Carson City and Sparrow Clinton Hospital.

If you would like tickets, would like to make something for the event or just have general questions, please contact the fundraiser chair for the Senior Center (Brenda Terpening) at 989-224-7248.



Without Valentine's Day, February would be... well, January.  
~Jim Gaffigan

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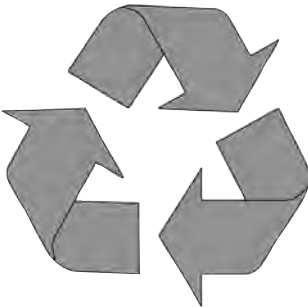
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## Laingsburg Recycling on for February

*submitted by Ellen Link*  
It appears for the moment that the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers aren't dead in the water quite yet. A meeting with the city's maintenance workers revealed that they won't be able to tear down the sheds we've been using and prepare that land for development as soon as hoped, so we were given permission to hold our February recycling drive in the same location (we may have to situate in the road itself). So please don't stop recycling yet—and bring your materials on Sat., Feb. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the site on Roosevelt Row in downtown Laingsburg—unless there's a blizzard or below-10-degrees weather.

The town hall we held on Wed., Jan. 22 brought out a number of folks with good ideas and energy for helping to keep recycling alive here. We had noted that we not only need to find a new location but also new and younger volunteers to gradually replace our aging crew. With folks stepping forward to write funding grants, connect us with students looking for public service credits, and work at the drives, we've begun to hope that together we just might pull this off. So stay tuned as we go forward. Please feel free to email or call us with your suggestions and support. And thank your local newspapers for helping to make this all possible.

As always, recyclers from any community are welcome. A \$2-\$3 donation to help cover our costs is requested but not mandatory. For questions re: what we take or more information about anything mentioned, contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. Let's all try to make 2020 a healthy, hopeful and sustainable new year.



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## 2019 Water Quality Report for City of Ovid

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Ovid for the 2019 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2019. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. Your water comes from three (3) groundwater wells; one at 437 W. Front Street (approximately 50 feet deep), and two at 9240 E. M-21 Street (approximately 290 feet deep each). The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source water is as follows: Well #2 (437 W. Front Street) rating = MODERATE, Well #6 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW, and Well #7 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW.

There are no significant sources of contamination in the City of Ovid water supply.  
If you would like to know more about this report or the susceptibility assessment report, please contact; Donald Passmore, DPW Superintendent, City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866, ph.: 989-834-5550, e-mail: supt@ovidmi.org.

• **Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

• **Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

• **Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
  - \* **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
  - \* **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
  - \* **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
  - \* **Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
  - \* **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2019 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2019. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

**Terms and abbreviations used below:**

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the

- use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A:** Not applicable    **ND:** not detectable at testing limit ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter  
ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter    pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
  - **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.34	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	na	.004	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.
Total TrihaloMethanes (ppb)	80	na	.0139	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.
Gross Alpha- pCi/L	15	0	3.0 ± 1.6	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits if certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation.
Combined Radium pCi/L	5	0	1.39 ± 0.54	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits.
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL	MRDLG	82	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant **			Your Water	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Sodium (ppm)			14	2019	Erosion of natural deposits.	
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	MCLG	90% of Samples ≤ This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	15	3.0	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Ovid is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.  
The City of Ovid is committed to providing residents with safe, reliable and healthy water. The City of Ovid is not mailing a copy of this report to Ovid residents, but you may stop by the City Office at 114 E. Front St. and pick up a copy. City Office hours are M-F 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. A copy of this report is posted at the City Office, United States Post Office, Ovid Library, Ovid Café, Clinton County Health Dept, and is published in the Weekly Newspaper.  
We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The City of Ovid Council Meeting is the Second Monday of each month at the City Offices, 114 E. Front St., Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. For City Council meetings, enter the City Office building at the side southwest entrance.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	≤ 1 positive monthly sample (>5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste.

CERTIFICATION: WSSN: 05100  
I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.  
Signature: Richard Simpson      Title: Superintendent      Date Distributed    1/09/2020



Editorial... cont' from page 7

Perhaps you've heard the phrase- "I don't believe in God because He throws anyone into Hell who doesn't worship Him."

How's that for a statement? It doesn't put God in a very good light, does it?

While there are a lot of problems with the statement, one surprising part about it is that the basic idea is true. Yes, if people don't worship God, they will go to Hell. But to put it like the above statement does is to present a false narrative. There is another side to the story.

For one, are we saying that God is not worthy to be worshiped? Should we worship something or someone else besides God?

Second, God has given people free will to choose to believe in Him or reject Him. If someone does not want to be with God, where should they go?

Third, in the Bible, God is presented in a different light, as one who invites people to Heaven and warns them against going to Hell.

For example, if I lived on a busy street and my wife and I warned my kids, sternly, but clearly and lovingly, "Don't go running out in the street or you will get hit by a car!" that would not make us mean or bad parents. Quite the contrary, giving a clear warning is the most loving thing to do in such a situation. And that is what God does with us.

God invites all people to be with Him and fellow believers forever. Did you know that on more than one occasion, Heaven is equated to a party?

Not a party of people getting drunk or causal hook-ups, but a party without sin or sorrow. No one will be double-dipping. No one will take the last slice of ham or finish off the dessert just before you get there.

This is going to be a fun, everything-goes-right, kind of event. The food will be great, the atmosphere spot-on. And everyone will be having a super time that will last for all eternity.

Jesus Himself equated the Kingdom of God to a party. He says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son... Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."- Matthew 22:2, 4

How did the Father respond when his Prodigal Son came home? "...the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."- Luke 15:22-24

Heaven will be fun! Heaven will be enjoyable. The main reason for this is because God is the "all" in all of Heaven.

The invitation is open to everyone who admits their sinfulness and in Jesus' deity, death on the cross and bodily resurrection from the dead as the full payment for your sins. Believe with your heart and mind and come to the party today.

All of the wrapping paper and bows have been put away and as we start looking ahead at preparing to take down the decorations; we look at what the New Year will bring. We spend so much time preparing our homes for family and friends, but do we spend very much time preparing and maintaining our hearts, where the Holy Spirit resides? We need to keep our temple properly clean and adorned for our Lord and Savior. Are we resting in HIM and HIM in US?

Let's look together at the scriptures to determine what that means, for us to be in Him and for Him to be in us. I was led by the Holy Spirit to look at the Psalms specifically.

"One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of Joy; I will sing yes, I will sing praises to the Lord." Psalm 27:4-6 NASB

Now let's look at what this means for us today. This scripture tells us first to meditate in His temple. Well where is this temple that we are to meditate within...it's inside of us. We are the temple that God lives within. Wow! Let's now refer to the Lord's Word and look at what that means.

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is Holy and that is what you are." I Corinthians 3:16 & 17 NASB

YIKES!!! We are Holy?!?! Yes, that's how God sees us as His children. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, immediately the Holy Spirit enters into our temple and blesses us in a mighty way!

I think we owe it not only to ourselves, but to Him to keep our temple Holy for the Holy One! He calls us Holy because of the Holy Spirit living inside of us, it is the greatest gift we could ever receive! Now let's look at the rest of the Psalter reading above.

God tells us next that with the Holy Spirit living in our temple, when we are in trouble God hides us from evil inside His Tabernacle. This is God's Holy place, His secret place, where no one can go but His own children! That's us, how great is that!! God in us and us in Him...who knew!

So what do we do now you ask? We keep our temple clean and adorned with sacrifices of singing our praise and shouts of joy to the Lord. We do this not because life is easy or that it is without difficulties, but even through all of that, the Holy One lifts us up above our enemy and out of the reach of evil even and especially when it seems to surround us. Remember, with the Holy Spirit living inside, you are always walking on Holy ground as he is in your temple and you are hidden in His Holy Tabernacle.

Be the people of the living God, not because we are Holy, but because when we are His, The Holy One lives inside of us. I pray that the Holy Spirit reveal Himself to you all in a mighty way all through the year! Happy New Year and may God richly Bless you my dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!!



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Cracked Pot's Corner

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# Sports

## Marauders Boys Sink Potterville 51-36

by Tim Zwick

POTTERVILLE – The Ovid-Elsie boys basketball squad extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 51-36 non-conference victory over the Vikings in a game played here on January 27th. The Marauders now stand 10-0 for the 2019/20 campaign.

The Blue & Gold's senior dynamic duo led the way again. Justin Moore recorded his fifth straight double-double downing 23 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Shayne Loynes stuffed the stat sheet with 18 points, seven assists and four steals.

Next up for the Marauders are a pair of Mid-Michigan Activities Conference tilts. First they hit the road for a make-up affair with Chesaning on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. Then on Friday the 7th, the Lakeville Falcons come to town for a 7:00 p.m. tipoff.



Justin Moore

Shayne Loynes

## O-E Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

Ovid-Elsie Varsity Teams were at Capitol Bowl in Owosso for a home meet on January 25th against Mt. Morris.

The girls won 28-2. High scores included Chloe Taylor 150-147; Morgan Douglass 149; Mikayla Kelley 179-197; Lizzy Underhill 189.

The boys won 22-8. High scores included Ian Hehrer 184; Tom Terpening 167; Steve Zedemont 174, 149; Tray Terpening 164-145; Corbin Kelley 156-197.

A make-up match on January 29th at Colonial Lanes against ended with wins for both O-E Teams again. Girls 30- and Boys 18-12.

High games for girls included Chloe Taylor 150-157; Jocelyn Holton-Pugh 143, 147; Mikayla 185-181; Lizzy Underhill 211, 212.

Boys high games included Ian Hehrer 214, 203; Eian Bushard 151; Tom Terpening 147; Steve Zedemont 211, 184; Tray Terpening 205; Corbin Kelley 195, 178.

Next up on February 1st is Richfield Lanes at 2:00 p.m. against Southwestern.



Mikayla Kelley

Liz Underhill



Ian Hehrer

Steve Zedemont



Lauren Barton completed a double-double with 16 pts. and 11 rebounds against Chesaning.

## Chesaning Girls Take Down Ovid-Elsie 43-28

by Tim Zwick

CHESANING – The Lady Marauders dropped their second straight Mid-Michigan Activities Conference contest 43-28 to the Indians in a game played here January 24th. Ovid-Elsie now stands 8-5 overall and 4-3 in league play.

Senior Lauren Barton paced O-E, recording a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Chesaning (10-1 overall, 8-1 MMAC) was led by Jordyn Bishop with nine points, seven rebounds and three steals.

"I think we really showed our youth tonight," said Marauders head coach Ryan Cunningham. "We struggled with turnovers and got ourselves into foul trouble early and we just didn't bounce back."

Caitlyn Walter finished with six points for the visitors. Madison Cunningham (four rebounds) and Kalista Bancroft each chipped in with 2 points while Lexi Kusiner added one point to round out O-E's scoring.

The Marauders will next host Lakeville in a MMAC match-up on Friday night February 7th. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



Jacob Christie

Devin Nash

Aden Baynes



Mikey Brooks

Kyle Boetcher

Josh Martin

## Wolfpack Grapplers Impressive Showing at Fenton Tiger Invite

FENTON -- The Laingsburg wrestling team continues to make strides under coach Shawn Baynes, as evidenced by the Wolves' team showing at the Fenton Tiger tournament on January 25 at FHS.

"Our Wolfpack wrestlers are really peaking at the right time. They work hard everyday and it has shown in our last couple of meets," said coach Baynes. "I am optimistic about the postseason."

Saturday's Laingsburg results included:

Noah Gentner; 2-2, 3rd place.; Jacob Christie; 4-0, 1st place; Caleb Boetcher; 2-2, 3rd place; Devin Nash; 4-0, 1st place; Logan Hopkins; 2-2, 3rd place; Sean Divine; 3-1, 2nd place; Mikey Brooks; 3-0, 1st place; Aden Baynes; 3-1, 2nd place; Gabby Motz; 2-2, 3rd place; Kyle Boetcher; 3-1, 2nd place; Josh Martin; 2-2, 3rd place; Sebastian Ruff; 0-4, no place; Scottie Brewer; 3-0, 1st place; Jacob Hummel; 2-1, 2nd place.

Laingsburg returned to the mats February 1 at the Grass Lake Invitational.

## Wolfpack mat team romps to big CMAC wins over Bath, Saranac

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack mat team continues to flex its muscle vs. Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) opponents.

Recent, convincing conquests for coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves? A 45-12 crunching of Bath, and a 42-24 romp over Saranac in a CMAC tri-meet.

Opposite Bath, both teams opened the team scoring (actually non-scoring) with double forfeits at 103 and 112 lbs. Gabby Motz struck for LHS first at 119 lbs., staking the Wolves to a 3-0 lead with a 15-13 decision over Bath's Dakota Price. Jake Christie (:40 fall over Colin Hagerman at 125), Kyle Boettcher (:30 fall over Luke Eanes at 130), Aden Baynes (forfeit at 135) and Noah Gentry (forfeit at 140) kept the scoring streak going for the red-and-white, Laingsburg building a 27-0 lead.

Owen Christmas broke through for Bath at 145 lbs. with a 1:00 fall over Caleb Boettcher. Both teams double-forfeited at 152 and 160 lbs., before Michael Brooks and Sean Divine scored forfeit wins for LHS at 171 and 189 lbs., respectively.

Jacob Hummel completed the scoring for the Wolves with a forfeit win at 215 lbs. Brandon Bacckus scored the final points of the night for the Bees, with a forfeit win at 285.

-- LAINGSBURG 42, SARANAC 24: Coach Baynes' grapplers had to fight back from a 6-0 deficit vs. the Redskins, who opened the scoring with Nathan Prins' forfeit win at 103. Both teams forfeited at 112 lbs.

Motz and Kyle Boettcher then scored forfeit wins for Laingsburg, and Josh Martin's 1:30 fall over Saranac's Preston Dean put the Wolves on top 18-6.

The Redskins tightened things up at 18-18 on A.J. Thompson's 2:40 fall over Aden Baynes, and Caleb Humphrey's :45 fall over Noah Gentry at 135 and 140 lbs., respectively.

Caleb Boettcher (:30 fall), Brooks (:35 fall), Divine (forfeit win) and Hummel (:35 fall) then reeled off 24 unanswered points, carrying the Wolfpack to victory.

John Vincent closed out the scoring for Saranac with a win by forfeit at 285 lbs.

## CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2020

An Election Commission Meeting for the Presidential Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, will be conducted on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Paula Willoughby  
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# Sports



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Photo by Marie Spiess

## Ovid-Elsie Wrestling

submitted by Kyle Spiess

Ithaca invitational results for January 18th.

For a day that started off with 8" of fresh snow, one parent stuck in another parents yard and only 10 wrestlers that could compete, we wrestled really good!

Team ended up 4th overall out of 16 teams and only 3 points out of 3rd place.

MMAC quad results at Durand for January 22nd.

OE 48 vs Mt Morris 33

This was OE's first conference win since joining the MMAC conference!

It took the entire team to step up with some big wins. Congrats!!!

OE 36 vs Durand 39

"There were several matches that could have swung either way and we needed one of those matches to swing to a win and we would have won the meet. It was that close. Everyone on the team wrestled tonight and we had fun!"

OE is now 1-4 in the conference and 3-4 in dual meets on the season.

After 2 weekends of unfavorable weather, Wrestling travelled to Quincy on January 25th, which is 15 miles north of Indiana for a 12 hour tournament. We were a split squad this weekend and only took 6 wrestlers to the tournament. "We finished 6th out of 19 teams. That was exceptional because Some teams had 14 scoring wrestlers," says Coach Spiess.

Max Spiess 1st at 119 lbs

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Thank you parents for making the long trip and spending the day with the team!

## Lady Wolves Roll Over Dansville

LAINGSBURG -- Kara Mahoney scored a career-high 26 points with 10 rebounds as coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack girls basketball team routed Dansville 64-30 last Tuesday.

Grace Graham had 16 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and eight steals for the Wolfpack (9-4, 6-3 Central Michigan Athletic Conference). Lorna Strieff had 11 points and five rebounds and Bree Schlaack added a career-high seven points.

Mahoney made five of Laingsburg's six 3-pointers. Shaily Baynes added 2 points, and Erica Wade 2, to the Wolfpack scoring ledger.

Dansville (5-8, 3-6 CMAC) was led by Erin Sherwood's 17 points.



Kara Mahoney



Grace Graham

## Ashley Lady Bears Lose to Carson City

by Ashleigh Shaw



Isabele Kremer



Ashley Gavenda



Jenna Wirt



Kellie Brown



Makenzie Stoneman

The Ashley Lady Bears traveled to neighboring Carson City on January 17th to take on the Eagles. Ashley played a good first quarter only ending the quarter down 4, but then struggled to score against the Carson City defense going down 31-10 at half time and struggling to score losing the game 55-22.

"We got off to a good start but then struggled against Caron's extended zone defense to put some points up. We had too many turnovers and struggled to give ourselves opportunities at the free throw line" stated Coach Shaw.

Isabele Kremer had 11 points and 7 rebounds, Jenna Wirt chipped in 5 points, while Ashley Gavenda scored 2 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Kellie Brown added 2 points and 6 rebounds, and Makenzie Stoneman scored 2 points and had 9 rebounds.

### Lady Bears Suffer Loss to All Saints

Ashley Gavenda lead the Bears at Bay City as the Bears took on the All Saints in a nonconference game on January 2st. Gavenda scored 12 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and had 4 steals. Isabele Kremer scored 9 points and had 8 rebounds, Jenna Wirt added 6 points and Renee Wirt chipped in a 2 point bucket.

Ashley struggle once again out of the gate and put themselves in a hole that they couldn't get out of going down 17-8 at the end of the first quarter, trailing 26-12 at the half and 33-20 at the end of the third quarter. The scoring woes continued at the Bears lost the game 41-29.

"We struggled out of the gate tonight, we have to come better prepared and with more energy and get off to a better start in games. We won the second half but once again found ourselves in too big of a hole to dig out of going into half time down 14" commented Coach Shaw.

### Ashley Loses at Home to Montabella

The Ashley Lady Bears hosted the Mustangs of Montabella on January 23rd who are led by Brooklyn Knopf and once again the Bears came up short, losing 33-17. The Bears struggled to score consistently and to shut down the post.

Jenna Wirt scored 9 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Ashley Gavenda put in 7 points had 7 rebounds and 7 steals, Isabele Kremer chipped in 7 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, while Kellie Brown and Mackenzie Stoneman each chipped in a basket.

"Brooklyn Knopf for Montabella had a nice game scoring 33 points, we struggled to keep her off the block and she did a nice job of controlling the post. As we hit the second half of the season we need to continue to practice well and work on improving in the areas we can control" expressed Coach Shaw.

## Wolfpack Routs Aggies

DANSVILLE -- Gabe Hawes had 20 points and six assists and Laingsburg rebounded from Monday's loss to Perry with a rout of Dansville.

The Wolfpack (9-2, 7-1 Central Michigan Athletic Conference) led by 16 at halftime and blew the game open with a 26-11 advantage in the third quarter. The Wolfpack led by as many as 33 in the third.

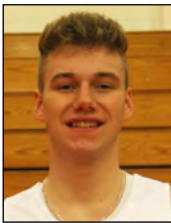
Laingsburg maintained a half-game lead in the CMAC over Pewamo-Westphalia (10-1, 6-1) and Potterville (7-2, 6-1), which both won Wednesday.

Hawes made five of Laingsburg's 13 3-pointers. Connor Thomas added 11 points, while Jesse Gugel had seven points and six rebounds. Zach Hawes had five points and seven steals. Colt Wurm added 8 points, Zach Fortino 8, Zach Koerner 7, Lucas Woodruff 6 and Austin Randall 3 in the rout.

Cody Luce had 14 points for the Aggies (5-6, 4-3).



Zach Hawes



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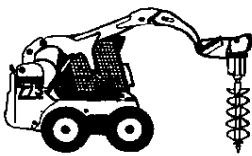
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## Editorial

### Visions of Wildlife

If you are in the market for some wildlife photographic prints from around the world, or just looking for something to do this coming Friday evening, please consider attending a showing at Absolute Gallery. Located in Lansing Old Town District, 307 E. Cesar Chavez Ave, Absolute Gallery will be displaying works from 5:00- 8:00 p.m. from D. Eric Johnson's Visions of Wildlife collection.

Johnson has been a professional photographer since 1983 and has won many numerous awards and recognitions including two "top-ten-in-the-state" awards with the Michigan Professional Photographers Association of Michigan. While pursuing his photography career he also served for thirty years with the Michigan State Police and following retirement he combined photography skills with law enforcement experience to become specialized in the unique field of forensic photography. Currently Johnson is Michigan's only certified evidence and forensic photographer and one of only five worldwide.

His family has encouraged him to share his collection of thousands of wildlife images and on a very limited basis he is making prints available to those interested in sharing his Visions of Wildlife. What is really neat about all of this is his efforts to contribute all proceeds to conservation efforts. The Weekly Sportsman contacted Johnson for more information on his contributions and commitment to conservation and was amazed with his response. Funds are sent to three different conservation organizations; The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Save the Rhino, and the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center. So spend some time this Friday evening viewing some excellent wildlife photography and possibly support conservation around the world if you purchase pieces from the collection. If you have any questions about the event please contact Absolute gallery 517-482-8845 or visit www.absolutegallery.net. While you are there make sure you check out their line of Stormy Kromer merchandise!!!

Reminder: Saturday, Feb. 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. the Weekly Sportsman will be signing copies of Chronicles of the Weekly Sportsman Volume 1 at Owosso Books & Beans. There will be a special price that day with books being sold for 20% of the cover price of \$24.99. Door prizes and wild game snacks will be provided and all are welcome to attend even if a book is not purchased. If you are interested in a book make sure you stop by Owosso Books and Beans or call 989-729-7336 to pre-order.

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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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## MSU Department of Theatre Presenting 'Into the Woods'

submitted by Abigail Tykocki

EAST LANSING – MSU is giving the Tony Award-winning fairytale-themed musical Into the Woods a creative re-imagining designed to resonate with mid-Michigan audiences. Inspiration for the set and costumes came from images of Detroit in the 1930s. The Michigan State University Department of Theatre production of Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine runs for 10 performances February 14-23 in the MSU Auditorium building's Fairchild Theatre.

The story follows a childless baker and his wife in their quest to begin a family, a witch who puts a curse on them, and their interactions with other storybook characters along the way.

Despite the familiar characters, this is not a show for young children. "It's a parable for adults," said Director and MSU Assistant Professor Deric McNish. "It starts as a familiar story that becomes unfamiliar, exploring the compromises people make in the name of achieving their goals and the sometimes tragic and frightening consequences of those decisions. It asks important questions, like what happens after your dreams come true?"

Exploring themes of resilience and community, the design team drew inspiration from the glamour of Hollywood in the 1930s as well as the growth of industry and sprawl of Detroit during the Great Depression.

"Our production lives in the space where industry meets uncultivated forest," McNish said. "The woods are a place where we can escape our responsibilities, but when tragedy strikes, people can only survive it by coming together. That's what makes Into the Woods the right show for this moment."

The production also will feature digital animation, media projection, and puppetry created by graduate students pursuing their MFA in Design alongside an incredible cast of musical theatre acting, singing, and dancing talent.

The musical continues to resonate with modern audiences because "from darkness emerges a story of community, resilience, and how we work to build something better," McNish said.

Tickets are available online at whartoncenter.com, at the Wharton Center box office, or by calling 1-800-WHARTON.





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## Rep. Filler Attends State of State Address with St. Johns Official, Fowler Author

*submitted by Shane Carnagie*

Rep. Graham Filler invited St. Johns Community Development Director and Deputy City Manager Dave Kudwa and Fowler author Dean Feldpausch to attend Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's State of the State address on Wednesday. The trio visited the office of Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield prior to the address.

## Ashley FFA

*submitted by Amber McAllister*

The Ashley FFA competed in their first District Leadership Competition in Chesaning making their district proud! Ashley Gavenda brought home a silver rating in Extemporaneous Speaking, Logan Drummond was rated a silver in Creed Speaking, James Fabus rated a silver in Job Interview, and Grant Malek was rated a Gold in Job Interview!



## February Brings MSU Band and Orchestra Concerts to Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall

*submitted by Michael Sundermann*

EAST LANSING – As we ring in the new semester, the College of Music presents a dramatic week of band and orchestra performances featuring faculty-artists Gwen Dease, percussion, and Guy Yehuda, clarinet. Additionally, the MSU Symphony Band will perform two works by MSU Composition faculty, Zhou Tian and Ricardo Lorenz, and the MSU Concert Orchestra will premiere a unique composition which invites the audience to participate with making music. All five performances will take place in the Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall.

**2/4 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.** Symphony Band: David Thornton, conductor; Perkins – Clutch, Lorenz – Caminantes, Zhou Tian – Seeker's Scherzo, Grantham – Effulgent Light, George – The Wild Goose

**2/6 Thursday 7:30 p.m.** Wind Symphony: Kevin L. Sedatole, conductor; Gwen Dease, percussionist, Stravinsky/Rogers – Fireworks, Maslanka – Concerto for Marimba and Band, Chabrier/Junkin – Marche Joyeuse, Schoenberg – Symphony No. 2: Migration

**2/7 Friday 8 p.m.** Symphony Orchestra: Kevin L. Sedatole, conductor; Guy Yehuda, clarinet, Dvořák – Carnival Overture, Mozart – Concerto for Clarinet in A Major, K. 622, Tchaikovsky – Symphony No. 4 in F Minor

**2/18 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.** Concert Band/Campus Band: Arris Golden, conductor; Fletcher/Karrick – Vanity Fair, Meechan – Close to the Sun, Jacob – Music for a Festival, Zehle – Wellington March

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